

HOUSE RESOLUTION 62

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A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Bailey Ferge, Sr., of
Somerville.

WHEREAS, we were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Bailey Ferge, Sr., a
native of Fayette County; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Ferge was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional
who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous
capacities; and

WHEREAS, the son of the late Edwin Augusta Ferge and Julie Ethel Pittman Ferge, Mr.
Ferge was fortunate to live his whole life within three miles of his birthplace; and

WHEREAS, Bailey Ferge, Sr., was joined in holy matrimony with Hazel White on April
20, 1957, and together they raised three children in a happy home; and

WHEREAS, he earned the respect and admiration of his colleagues while working as a
supervisor for the Tennessee Department of Transportation for thirty-seven years; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Ferge was also a farmer who enjoyed raising cattle, and after he retired,
he continued this vocation while also working as a logger and training horses and mules; and

WHEREAS, Bailey Ferge, Sr., will be fondly remembered as a happy fellow who served
as an inspiration to all, a devoted family man who was extremely proud of his grandchildren and
enjoyed family gatherings, and a lover of the great outdoors; and

WHEREAS, he was a member of Mt. Moriah Baptist Church; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Ferge was also deeply devoted to his family, and he always endeavored
to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, he is mourned but fondly remembered by his wife, Hazel White Ferge; his
daughters, Sheila Ferge Cox (Bill) and Lisa Wilson (Barney); his son, Bailey Ferge, Jr.,
(Barbara); his sister, Betty Rodgers; his grandchildren, Kelsey Wilson and Jim Bob Ferge
(Jessica); and a great-grandson, Jared Ferge; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his parents, Mr. Ferge was preceded in death by four sisters, Velma Wilson, Geneva Cratton, Eva Thompson, and Sarah Wise; and three brothers, Lester Boyd "Jack" Ferge, James "Cobb" Ferge, and Donald Ferge; and

WHEREAS, Bailey Ferge, Sr., leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that we should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we honor the memory of Bailey Ferge, Sr., reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Mr. Ferge.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.